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THE SONG OF FREEDOM.

"I think I hear a little bird, who sings 'The People by-and-by will be the stronger.'" — Byron.

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NOT A LAND FORCE.

WILKINS. — Well, I've enlisted in the army of the Lord; — I've joined the Baptist Church!

BROWN. — That's good; — glad to hear it; but that ain't the army, you know; — that's the navy.

GOD BLESS HIM.

A mixture of relationships
We here present to view,
For Uncle Sam, 't is plainly seen
Is Anti-Spanish, too.

AN UNSTABLE MAN.

POINDEXTER. — Handelbarr has changed his politics again.
TILLINGHAST. — I'm not surprised at that. He changed his wheel not long ago.



HE REVISES HIS OPINION.

THE FARMER (trying his hand at golf). — Drat it! I thought any fool could play this here game, but I guess any kind of foolishness needs practice to do it right.

PATRIOTIC CONFIDENCE.

FOREIGNER. — Do you think the United States can whip Spain?
AMERICAN. — Do I think so? Why, any one of the United States could whip Spain!

PROMPT ACTION.

MINNIE. — Papa informed me that he was very much opposed to George.
VIOLET. — And what did you say?
MINNIE. — I notified Papa that intervention would mean war.

WITH LIMITATIONS.

"In this country the majority rules, does n't it?"
"Yes; — when they think the same as the bosses."

A PIONEER.

ISAACS. — Rosenthal vos vun of der smartest men I know.
COHENSTEIN. — Dot 's so! He vos der very first man vot failed on agcount of der war segare.

WANTED TO KNOW.

"The Chinese incident—" said Li Hung Chang, beginning to read a despatch.
"Does that mean me?" asked the Emperor of China, suspiciously.



TEMPTATION.

FIRST SUBURBANITE. — There's something attractive in the communistic theory, after all.
SECOND SUBURBANITE. — What! — divide property equally?
FIRST SUBURBANITE. — Yes; we might have a chance to get rid of ours in the shuffle.

SAMANTHA PETERSON'S FAITH-CURE.



WHEN MIS' SAMANTHA PETERSON arose one night in meetin'
An' said her former trust in patent-medicines were fleetin',
An' she proposed to try, instead, the faith-cure for a spell,
A sort of solemn hush upon the congregation fell.

There were things about the faith-cure which we could n't recommend,
An' we did n't know Samantha's plan nor how it all would end;
Still, when our first surprise wore off, a few of us confessed
That, after all was said an' done, it might be for the best.

Whatever else that we could say, we could n't make denial
She 'd given patent-medicines a fair an' thorough trial;
She kept them in a closet an' upon its spacious shelves
Stood bottles big an' boxes small which we had seen ourselves.

We had often read the labels: there was "Perkins's Purple Pills,"
An' "Elder Jones's Elixir and Emollient for Ills;"
There was "Fosdick's Hypo-Phosphate made to Fortify the Feeble,"
An' "Potterbury's Panacea for Pale and Ailing People."

Though Samantha threw them all away she did n't seek her bed;
She made a resolution she would go to work instead;
An' she had n't tried her faith-cure long when folks began to think
Samantha's face was actually growin' plump an' pink.

We went an' told her husband, in a manner kind of sly,
She was growin' so good-lookin' he might lose her by-an'-by;
Samantha overheard us an' it pleased her, too, a lot,
An' she come to wear a look as though she 'd rather laugh than not.

There is n't any doubt but what Samantha's really well,
An' about her wondrous faith-cure now she often likes to tell;
Of the good of other faith-cures we've our doubts, we must confess,
But we think Samantha's faith-cure was a glitterin' success.

Frank Sawin Bailey.



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AN APOLOGY.

Under the circumstances of time and place, it being near the end of the century and in New York, the editor could do nothing but offer an apology, which he did in these terms:

"Owing to a crush of advertising, the denial of much of our most important news is crowded out this morning. It will appear in the next issue, without fail."

HARD TO SOLVE.

"Is his book a problem novel?"

"Yes; and a hard one. It is in the worst form of Scotch dialect."

SHE SAW HIM.

NODD.—Spriggs says you won at poker last night at his house.

DODD.—No; I came out even.

NODD.—That 's strange!

DODD.—Not at all. My wife was there.

WOMAN THINKS of a dozen things at once. Man has a dozen thoughts on one thing.

A MAN'S HEART is always the foundation-stone of a woman's air-castle.



ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES.

SHE.—I sent the gas company a check for a larger amount than their bill called for and they sent me—

HE.—A corrected bill?

HE FOUND THEM SO.

"And you say these substitutes are injurious?" asked his friend.

"Very injurious," replied the patent-medicine man, emphatically;
"they raise Cain with my business."

FOR A SLIM PURSE.

"There was one unfavorable omen in connection with Jack's wedding."

"What was it?"

"An expensive trousseau."

AFTER THE SERVICE.

"That hymn about Greenland's Icy Mountains," said one church member, "set me thinking."

"About what?" asked his companion.

"About how much those icy mountains would be worth, with ice selling at ten cents a chunk."

UNRELENTING.

ISABEL.—When I saw her she said she would never speak to you again.

ELLA.—Yes; she has told me that twice since then.

A GOOD THING.

"What will you have in your whiskey, Colonel?"

"Some whiskey, sah!"

MAN MAY love only once; but he 's a great experimenter.

HOW TO BECOME A GREAT STATESMAN.



IT IS more difficult to become a statesman to-day than ever before, and, consequently, a great many of our brainiest men are giving the business over to the fellows with great powers of physical endurance—immense lung capacity, stomachs that can stand anything, and hoop-iron nerves. Perhaps it would be as well for the ambitious man not so equipped to give up the idea entirely, and turn his attention to the mowing of hay or the shoveling of dirt. Of course, if he has a good trade or profession, he may stick to that. But, if he be determined to save his country, two rules for his guidance will not be amiss, and we gladly unload them from our mental wagon for his enlightenment:

1.—Let him take advantage of the first campaign that opens and put his leg into it. It does n't matter so much about his heart.

IN THE PUSH.

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WEARY WALKER.—Phew! Look at dat hill. I don't walk up dat incline, yer kin betcher life! I'll jist wait here till somethin' turns up.

He need not do this too forcibly; simply permit the leg to dangle as an evidence of good faith. Then let him take a firm hold of himself and wait. Having proven himself of the right sort of material in this test, he will find his progress easy, provided he will extend the limb promptly whenever requested by his friends, the management.

2.—Let him remember that the world is full of men who can do nothing but vote and find fault successfully. He should cultivate the acquaintance of these men, and lie to them in a loud tone,—the louder the better. They will believe him, because they will believe any one who tells them



AT THE ART MUSEUM.

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CITY NEPHEW.—This is "The Horse Fair," by Rosa Bonheur.
AUNT JANE (from Skaneateles).—Wal, I swan! If that ain't a downright fraud, nuthin' is! She 's gone an' copied the very lithograph we 've had hanging up in our kitchen for going on ten years!

that their inherent shortcomings are the result of political mismanagement on the part of the gentleman whom he wishes to succeed. The determined man who can talk loud enough and long enough may become a statesman by the simple following of this rule, without recourse to rule one, but we would not advise the beginner to hope for much without submitting to the leg test.

David H. Talmadge.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

She leaned from the window, agonizedly; above and below her the angry flames belched forth.

"Jump!" yelled the crowd.

Her eyes were fastened upon a figure that crept slowly up a ladder toward her.

A minute! It seemed a year!

"It's a wonder you could n't have come before!" she exclaimed, snatching the box which the couturière's delivery-boy brought her.

An instant later, and she had arrayed herself in her new lace nightgown, and leaped into the life-net.

THE WORK Satan finds for idle hands is generally pretty well done.



"Just look at dat poor hard-workin' feller rollin' dat barrel. He 's comin' my way, too."



THE HARD-WORKING FELLOW.—Well, Ol' ve got t' push th' hogthead up that hill. I guess I 'll loight me poipe t' kape me strength oop.



"A thrue Oirishman always faces th' wind whin he loights his poipe."



WEARY WALKER.—All t'ings comes to him who waits. I 'm in it dis time, sure!



THE HARD-WORKING FELLOW.—Be th' love av hivin! Ol niver t'ought a hogthead could be so hivy t' push up a hill.



WEARY WALKER (as the hogthead at last reaches the top of the hill).—Adieu, kind friend, adieu! and many thanks!



NO LONGER FUNNY.

"He proposed as a joke and she accepted him in fun."
 "But they are married, are n't they?"
 "Oh, yes! And they have quit joking."

EVIDENCE OF INSANITY.

THE FARMER.—From what I can make out, them folks that collect postage stamps must be crazy.
 HIS WIFE.—Why?
 THE FARMER.—Why, they 'll give more for stamps that has been used than for stamps that has n't!

HOW SHE KNEW.

MAY.—Rather a morose sort of man, is n't he?
 MADGE.—Yes; but his heart 's in the right place.
 MAY.—How do you know that?
 MADGE.—He told me last night that I was in sole possession of it.

A MYSTERY.

"It is a singular thing," soliloquized the philosopher, who had been recently married, "that the weight of some biscuits should be equal to twice the weight of the ingredients of which they are composed."

IN METHUSALEH'S TIME.

FIRST MICROBE.—Healthy old duck, is n't he?
 SECOND MICROBE (*disgusted*).—Healthy? I 've been working on him for a hundred and seventy-five years, and I can't do a thing to him.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

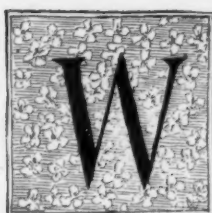
RETURNED TRAVELER.—Yes; the Venetian gondoliers usually sing as they row, but ours did n't.
 FRIEND.—How was that?
 RETURNED TRAVELER.—We paid them extra not to do it.



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A POOR MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION.

DISAPPOINTED ADMIRER.—Yo' kin tell yo' daughter, sah, dat she 'll nebbah see me ag'in'!
 HER FATHER.—Law, Mistah Jonsing! I 'll tell her, but she nebbah pays de leastes' 'tention to anyt'ing I say 'bout de young men!



THE PETITION OF THE TIMID SEAFARERS.

WE ARE the crew of the good ship, "Ark;"
We have a grievance: We would complain
Because for nearly a month our bark
Has cruised the turbulent counterpane.
The dimpled surface of this expanse
Is swept by sudden, terrific waves
That cause our vessel to leap and dance—
We're apprehensive of ocean graves.

The hatches never are fastened down,
So beasts and seamen are often shot
Across the billows, and nearly drown
Before they're rescued; and, like as not,
Some day a struggling tar will sink.
Although we're wooden and hard and stiff,
Within our bosoms are hearts that shrink
At dangers threatening friends or skiff.

We understand that you're sick; we know
Your hands are feverish—that you cough.
We're very sorry that this is so,
But still we pray that you'll let us off
From further cruising, till you shall be
Recovered, so we may navigate
The quiet calm of the carpet sea.

(Signed :) Noah, captain, and Japhet, mate.

Layton Brewer.

BROOKLYN TROLLEY COURTESY.

FIRST BROOKLYN YOUTH (*in trolley-car*).—Do you ever get up and give your trolley-seat to a gentleman?

SECOND BROOKLYN YOUTH.—Well, sometimes, if he is carrying a baby.

CRITICISM.

SHE.—I've just been at the picture gallery. Jack has a picture there—a landscape after Corot.

HE.—I saw it. If Corot could see it, I think he might be after Jack.

WHEN THE TRAIN STOPPED.

FIRST TRAVELER.—Will we have time to eat?

SECOND TRAVELER.—No; only time to swear.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.

BENNET.—Did you say Rockenrigh had a stroke of paralysis last night?

NEARPASS.—No; I said he was paralyzed.

LIFE CAN NOT be a grand, sweet song, unless you know how to sing it.

WHEN WE try to cheer up a friend in trouble we go on the theory that he will believe a good many things then that he would not when in his normal state of mind.



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WASTED ELOQUENCE.

CITY MAN.—It seems to me that plowman's profanity is entirely unnecessary?

FARMER SQUANCH.—Sartin it is! That there mule he is drivin' is as deaf as a post.



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SHOCKING.

FIRST SOUBRETTE.—Don't you find life in the chorus very wearing?

SECOND SOUBRETTE.—I don't think you'd say that if you saw me.

HOW HE ESCAPED.

"Does your wife ever ask you to do shopping for her?"

"Not since last week. Then she asked me to match a piece of ribbon at Lacey's, and I inquired if she had bought it of that pretty little curly-headed girl near the 'steenth Street entrance, and she said I need n't bother, she'd go herself."

A PROMISING SUBJECT.

"I have brought my boy up to see if you can't give him a job," said an honest agriculturalist, percolating into the office of the Pettyville Plain-dealer, and dragging after him a flabby-appearing, half-baked youth, with a sagging under-lip and a bulbous-looking head; "he got mixed up in a guessin' contest that the storekeeper out at the Cross Roads held last week. There was fourteen thousand, nine hundred an' sixty-two beans in the jar, an' Horace—this is him—guessed the number at three hundred an' twenty-seven."

"Well,—er-h'm!—sir," returned the able editor; "in what capacity do you imagine I can use a boy who guesses with such uncertain aim as that?"

"Why, I cackerlate he'd ort to do first-rate, writin' for the 'Answers to Correspondents' column in your paper!"

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS. AFTER CAREFUL preparation the game has opened in a most orderly manner. We have taken a few pawns, and we have some well-guarded pieces headed for the king-row. In this amicable beginning it seems to be shown that there is as much difference between war now and war thirty-five years ago as there is between chess and foot-ball. It is more scientific and less brutal. There is a cool and quick recognition of the relative value of the pieces. The problems have been so well worked out so often. And it has been learned that in the old-fashioned way of fighting seven-tenths of the blood-letting was needless. In the years to come we shall even grow to be such apt measurers of force that blood-letting will be wholly eliminated from war. There will be no lost tempers and no destruction. We shall be able to look ahead to the end of the game, see the result that must be, and accept it as proved without the turmoil of actual demonstration. That is not poetry, reader; it is fact. If you see appearances in human nature or the world's history that pretend to belie it, take another look, not forgetting to ask yourself if this ball of earth could really have been set whirling only that its dwellers, in a vain effort to work right out of wrong, should go on killing one another to the end of time.

We have not yet reached the time when murder will be as extraordinary on the deck of a battle-ship as it is in a drawing-room. We shall kill some Spaniards and we shall have some dead of our own to mourn. But we are perceptibly nearer to it than when last we fought. The most arrant shrieker for blood knows in his own heart, already, that he does not really want to kill anybody. He knows it better now than he did thirty-five years ago, and he will know it better a year hence than he does now. We can not expect everyone to know it now, any more than we can expect honesty to rule before the world has learned that honesty is the best policy. We can not expect the statesman to see this simple truth before the body of which he is the expression sees it. We can not expect the ministers of the church to preach the unbending peace gospel of their Master in time of war, any more than we can expect them to preach the Sermon on the Mount in time of peace. The "leaders" of the people are merely followers; they have no superhuman courage. But the people themselves are learning. They already have a sneaking suspicion that all men are brothers, and that no man can kill a brother without hurting himself.

BOTH RIGHT. THERE NEVER has been a war worthy of the name in which both parties to it were not right. That is always the pathetic anomaly of war. It would be so much simpler if the right were monopolized by one side. We knew that we were right in 1776, but so did our then proprietor know that she was right. We knew that we were right in 1861, but we knew it no better if we lived North than if we lived South. We know we are right to-day; but Spain, too, knows she is right. It is only a question of position, and it is never anything else but that in war. Either party, in the other's position, would do as the other does. Nor will the issue disprove this and prove that one

was right and the other wrong. It will prove only that in a struggle for their respective ideals, ideals held equally sacred by each, one people was stronger than the other. One ideal, the highest that could be conceived by its defenders, prevailed over another, also the highest that could be conceived by its defenders.

There is no excuse for doubt that our own ideal is going to prevail over that other which we are opposing because it came so near to us as to be intolerable. It is the higher in abstract justice, and we are the stronger people in consequence. We shall prove our greater strength at any cost. Ostensibly we are fighting out of sheer benevolence. In reality we are fighting for our own ideal, and because the world has not yet learned a better way to preserve ideals. That Spain should bring it upon herself was, of course, inevitable. She lived up to the highest ideal she knew. But she showed a sad misjudgment of effects. She was right for Spain; but dead-wrong for the nineteenth century and this side of the world. She could not be other than herself; but, in the relentless way of destiny, she has got to pay for having staid too close to a republic.

A YOUTHFUL PATRIOT.

MAMA.—You should not say "we shall get the best of Spain." Say "we shall get the better of Spain."
JOHNNY.—But we ought to get the best of everything.

THAT'S WHAT.

"There's another kind of ship badly needed in our navy."
"What's that?"
"A Yellow-Paper Destroyer."

ANTICIPATION.

UNCLE HIRAM.—I see where there's a farmer out West constructin' a flyin' machine.
UNCLE SILAS.—He thinks it'll be a success, of course?
UNCLE HIRAM.—Oh, yes! He says it'll go up like the price of wheat.

NATURE PAINTS the country but man paints the town.



MET HIS MATCH.

PAPA.—Well, did the photographer succeed in making the baby look pleasant?
MAMA.—No; the baby succeeded in making the photographer look unpleasant.



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THE DUTY OF THE HOUR:—TO SAVE HER NOT ONLY

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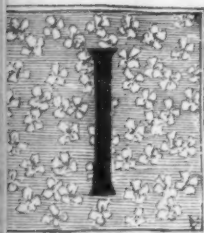


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CHAPTER I.

IN THE course of years, there was gathered around a cheerful hearth-stone, a happy family, of which Gladys St. John was queen, with the sacred name of Mother. They lived happily ever afterward. Gerald West died by an assassin's knife. Beatrice Stone is dragging out a miserable existence, which even her wealth can not make pleasant. She had married a gouty, old millionaire for his money.

CHAPTER II.

Neither Gerald nor Beatrice was at the wedding, which was celebrated at the ancient and honorable homestead of the Claires. The bride was dressed in a rich gown of creamy lace, and carried a large bouquet of bride's roses in her hand. The Hon. Charles Claire gave the bride away. This all took place after the marriage of Gladys Claire to St. John.

CHAPTER III.

So Gerald West and Beatrice Stone found all their cherished schemes against the lovers trailing in the dust. Gerald also hissed through his clenched teeth—"——!" The purloined letter had been discovered. The corrupted servants had revealed the nefarious plots, and had told of the bribes given them by West to intercept it and thus prevent the marriage.

CHAPTER IV.

Gladys pined in secret, but strove heroically to hide her grief from her friends. She believed St. John false. St. John nursed his wrath; and, having resolved never again to put trust in woman, he bought a bright, new sword, with a jeweled hilt, and began to recruit a regiment to fight for Cuban liberty.

CHAPTER V.

So the passionate avowal of love from St. John to Gladys was never received by her. Jane, the housemaid, had stolen the letter and hid it in an ornamental edition of the Bible. She and the butler had received £100 each, to prevent any communication from passing between them. After stealing the letter from the morning's mail, they feared to destroy it, and chose a secure place, where none ever molested.

CHAPTER VI.

On a strict analysis of the symptoms, Gladys found herself sadly in love with the heir of all the St. Johns. After devoting the remainder of the night of the ball to vain efforts to relieve "that tired feeling," St. John found that there was one, and only one, woman on earth for him, and that one was Gladys Claire. West and Beatrice watched them with jealous eyes all the evening, and knew that it was a case of love at first sight.

CHAPTER VII.

All the evening, handsome equipages containing the *élite* of the city, had been discharging their occupants at the portals of the Claire mansion. Every one with any social pretensions had been invited. They wore clothes made on purpose. It was to be the event of the season. The Hon. Charles Claire (afterward deceased) determined to give a ball which should eclipse anything of the kind in the century, to introduce his lovely daughter, Gladys, into society.

CHAPTER VIII.

Beatrice Stone believed that young St. John loved her to distraction, and had long resolved to marry him. St. John determined he would never marry. He scoffed at love.

CHAPTER IX.

Old Charles Claire felt that life



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COOLING.

MRS. NEWRICH.—I like that paper.
MISS NEWRICH.—But, Mother, I am afraid the color is entirely too warm for the room.
MRS. NEWRICH.—Well, let him put one of them freezes around it what he was talking about.

was slipping away from him. When assured of this, he called in a brilliant lawyer named Gerald West, who was an unprincipled villain, and had a will made in which he left all his property to the beautiful Gladys. His only comfort in his declining years was the hope that he would see his dear little girl settled in life before it was too late to give his son-in-law instructions how to carry on his immense packing business. The establishment had for years been the pride of the old man's heart, and had gained him a seat in Congress, which he had filled with the usual ability.

CHAPTER X.

Gerald West sat long in his office that day, pondering on the perfumed note he had received that morning. It was an invitation to a ball at the Claire mansion. He was thinking of the possibilities it might hold for him. A similar one had been received by St. John St. John; and, not realizing its possibilities, he had at first resolved not to go, characterizing all such things as a bore which his social position forced upon him. Gladys looked forward to the event with rapturous excitement; it was to her the beginning of a new existence.

CHAPTER XI.

Fairer than the scene presented to the reader was the figure of a young girl, swinging in a hammock which was suspended under the apple trees. The trees were loaded with blossoms, and their perfume was wafted on the breeze. The bees were humming merrily under the cheering influence of the sun. All Nature had awakened from her Winter's sleep. It was a bright Spring day.

THE END.



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HIS FAVORITE.

VISITOR.—Who is your favorite poet, Mr. Ikelheimer?
MR. IKELHEIMER.—Burns!

AT ONE CENT EACH.



I.
THERE WAS a lover true and bold
And blithe and brave and free.
More gallant gay than words can say:
He was like you or me.

II.
The maid was like a Summer morn,
Her eyes as clear as dew,
Her hair was gold: let Time grow old,
Love's time will still be new.

III.
"Your eyes," said he, "would wile the stars
To shine by day, and when
Your lips breathe sound, the flowers around
Think South winds come again.

IV.
"With balmy breath and crimson dye
Those lips, I do insist,
They are a rose that would impose
On any botanist.

V.
"For one sweet kiss, if this wide earth
Were mine, and all its store,
I'd gladly give, now, as I live,—
A penny and no more.

VI.
"For, owning but the earth," said he,
"With little wealth to vaunt,
More could not I afford, and buy
As many as I want."

Williston Fish.

A POPULAR PHRASE.

PETEY.—Pa, what is a robber-baron?

HIS PA.—A robber-baron, my son, is a man who made money in the stock transaction in which the man using the term was squeezed.

THE MANUFACTURE OF NEWS.

CITY EDITOR.—You were beaten on that burglary you were assigned to commit. The *Morning Flesh and Devil* appeared to have committed it exclusively.

THE REPORTER.—I am very sorry, sir.

CITY EDITOR.—Of course it's not so very important; but until you have proved your capacity in small matters, you can hardly be expected to be assigned to plunge our nation in war, or anything of that sort.

OF COURSE it is foolish to marry for beauty; beauty won't last; but neither will money, for that matter.



A THEORY.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.—Am dat what yo' call a school of fish?

THOMAS JEFFERSON.—I reckon it am.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.—Mebbe dat big fellah 's de teachah an' he 's tellin' de odders not to bite at de hook.

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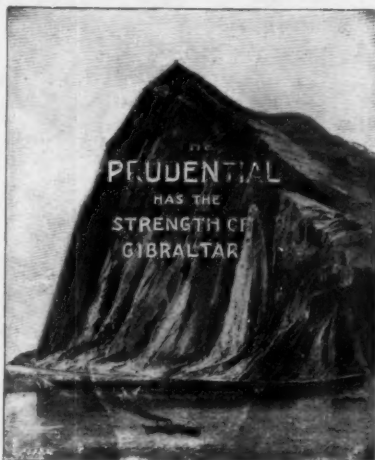
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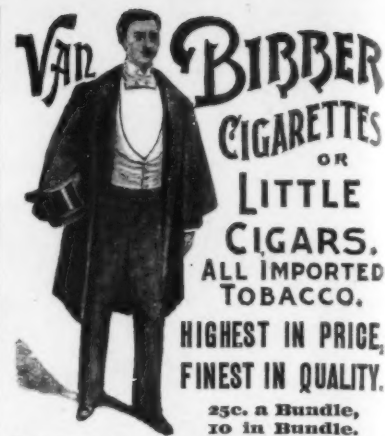
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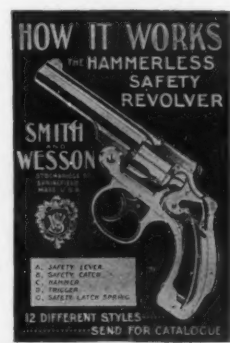
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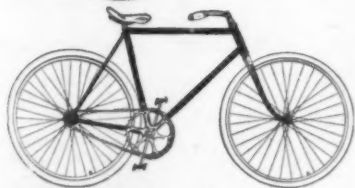
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